



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEM 23

JULY 2003 AGENDA

SUBJECT	X	ACTION
		INFORMATION
		PUBLIC HEARING

Recommendation:

In the Supplemental Board item, the Department will recommend criteria for the selection of SAIT Providers.

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action

At their June 11, 2003 meeting, the State Board of Education (SBE) decided to hold over the review of the criteria for SAIT providers until the July 2003 meeting. A supplemental item will be forthcoming, following a meeting between Department staff and State Board of Education liaisons.

Summary of Key Issue(s)

In April 2002 the State Board approved criteria for the selection of SAIT Providers. Sixty organizations submitted applications in July of 2002 and 27 applicants were able to demonstrate success in the 12 required areas, including recent experience in helping to improve student achievement in an underperforming school. Eleven of the Approved Providers are conducting SAIT investigations, and will be following up with support and monitoring functions in one or more of the 24 Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program (II/USP) state-monitored schools.

CDE and Board staff met with the SAIT Providers on April 1, 2003 to remind them of the key priorities for their work. Since then, CDE and Board staff have met on several occasions to discuss ways to emphasize the importance of State Board-adopted materials within the SAIT process. As a result, CDE has agreed to dedicate time in the SAIT training to emphasize the use of the State Board-adopted materials in English/language arts and math and to consider how the intervention process might be refined in elementary, middle and high schools. CDE will also require that prospective SAIT Providers apply to conduct SAITs in specific grade spans and have at least one person on each SAIT team with expertise in the State Board-adopted materials being used in the "state-monitored" school subject to the SAIT. CDE is requesting that criteria similar to that used in 2002-2003 be used to select the 2003-04 SAIT Providers.

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate)

Authority will be sought in the 2003-2004 Budget Act to support the costs of SAIT services and implementation of Corrective Actions.

Attachment(s)

A list of recommended selection criteria will be submitted in the Supplemental Board item.